ANNUAL REPORT
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BRITISH COLUMBIA RACING COMMISSION
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The Honourable L. Allan Williams, Q.C.
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Sir:

The undersigned has the honour to present the Annual Report of the British Columbia Racing Commission for 1982.

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Burnaby, B.C.

February, 1983

The Racing Commission, during 1982 consisted of:

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To the Honourable L. Allan Williams, Q.C.
Attorney General, Victoria, B.C.

Sir:

Despite the downturn in the economy which prevailed throughout 1982, horse racing had a good year in British Columbia. 1,695,095 spectators were in attendance at the various tracks throughout the province. Wagering on thoroughbred, standardbred and quarter-horse racing totalled $221,308,573. Purse monies paid to the horsemen were $12,567,405. Your government received net tax revenues of $7,552,155. The total dollars wagered showed an increase over 1981 of 7.7%.

In 1982 your government passed the Horse Racing Tax Act Amendment. Its effect was to transfer the budget of the B.C. Racing Commission to the Horse Racing Improvement Fund. This modification resulted in long and searching meetings between your Commission, as administrator of the Fund, and representatives of the breeding and racing communities. Undoubtedly the relatively small, but nonetheless significant percentage decrease in revenues accruing to the industry may marginally slow the good effects being achieved by the Improvement Fund. However, British Columbia's assistance to horse breeding, horse ownership and horse racing remains pre-eminent among the jurisdictions of North America. The money received by the Commission for payment under the Horse Racing Tax Act in 1982 totalled $7,552,155, which is 3.5% of all dollars wagered in the province.

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Two initiatives of Agriculture Canada in the area of pari-mutuel betting were significant to the work of your Commission. The first involves the introduction of the so-called 'Big 6' wager in which patrons are invited to select the winners in six consecutive races. The resultant carry-over of this betting pool for a number of days produced individual payouts at Exhibition Park in the near million dollar range. The investigative arm of the Commission continues to maintain a close scrutiny of this form of wagering. We are confident that the interests of the ordinary betting public are being well protected through the conscientiousness of the staff of your Commission and the diligence of the race track Officials.

The second initiative of the federal authorities in 1982 was the introduction of Telephone Account Betting (TAB), a form of off-track wagering. Your Commission resisted the attempt of Agriculture Canada to compartmentalize British Columbia into 'home marketing areas'. In the result, both Sandown, at its fall thoroughbred meeting, and Cloverdale Raceway introduced TAB in 1982 on a province-wide basis. Initial results have not been spectacular. Your Commission continues to liaise with the law-enforcement agencies of the province in regard to any potential illegal gambling activity which might make use of TAB.

Your Commission reiterates its concern, reported to you in previous years, that Agriculture Canada embarks upon such initiatives without sufficient prior consultation with your Commission and with other interested authorities within the province.

The Members of your Commission, through their attendance at the meetings of the Governing Bodies of Canadian Racing and the National Association of State Racing Commissioners, keep in close touch with major developments on their continent in the area of off-track wagering, inter-track betting, simulcasting the promotion of horse race betting through cablevision systems, initiatives in other forms of legalized sport, gambling, etc.

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Of specific concern are indications that, although there may be increased horse race wagering taking place within some other jurisdictions, that betting is on a reduced and more centralized number of tracks. Your Commission remains adamant that the actual breeding and racing of horses on the smallest scale possible is of first importance in British Columbia, with the consequent good effects in this highly labour-intensive area of the province's agricultural industry.

Throughout 1982, in addition to these special concerns demanding our attention, the Members of your Commission continued its supervision of all aspects of horse racing within the province. The Commission held 25 formal meetings for such purposes as the amendments of the Rules and Regulations of Horse Racing, the allocation of racing dates, and the hearing of appeals from the decisions of our Stewards and Judges; as well as meeting with the Advisory Committees from both the Thoroughbred and Standardbred sectors regarding the disbursement formulae of the Horse Racing Improvement Fund.

The Members of your Commission continue to hold committee assignments with the National Association of State Racing Commissioners and were privileged this year, to make partial representation for our province at the conference held in Florida; as well as fully representing our province at the conference of the National Association of Canadian Race Tracks held in Edmonton, whereby your Commission had the invaluable experience of sharing information with fellow Commissioners, keeping apprised of the various programs; state of affairs; problems; solutions; and proposed systems for the future.

THOROUGHBRED RACING

Exhibition Park, Vancouver, B.C.
(April 12 through October 16, 1982)

The British Columbia Jockey Club presented 109 days of racing at Exhibition Park, and their fans wagered in excess of $146,000,000 which provided purse money to the horse owners of $ 7,323,512 including the provincial government incentive programs.

1. BRITISH COLUMBIA JOCKEY CLUB

Comparative Statistics for Exhibition Park, 1978 - 82

Year	Number of Days	Amount Wagered	Daily Average	Daily Percentage Change	Average Daily Attendance	Daily Percentage Change
1978	110	96,301,132	875,465	+ 5.8	9,122	- 1.6
1979	108	106,781,374	988,716	+ 12.9	9,134	+ .1
1980	113	118,145,642	1,045,537	+ 5.7	8,665	- 5.1
1981	108	138,191,286	1,279,549	+ 22.3	9,384	+ 8.3
1982	109	146,837,334	1,347,132	+ 5.3	10,028	+ 6.9

RULINGS OF THE STEWARDS

There were 102 Rulings issued by the Stewards at Exhibition Park. These Rulings consisted of 51 for personal misconduct; 24 for careless or faulty riding; 5 for falsification of licence applications; 10 for reinstating licencees; 1 suspension pending disposition of criminal charges; 1 for financial obligation; 2 for hidden ownership; 2 frivolous objections; 2 for the use of cryotherapy (or 'nerving'); 2 licences rescinded; and 2 drug related offences.

In the case of the drug related offences, one was for the drug Hydroxyphenylbutazone, and one was for the drug Procaine, both disclosed in post race urine tests. In both cases, the trainers were found responsible, the first for the Bute being suspended 15 days and the second for Procaine being fined $200.00,for failing to properly protect the horse against the administration of any drug which may affect the racing condition or performance, and the horses were disqualified and the purse money redistributed.

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The Ruling for the drug Hydroxyphenylbutazone was appealed to the Racing Commission for severity of penalty only, and the Commission ruled that the appeal be dismissed and the Ruling of the Stewards be upheld.

The Stewards utilized the race video to conclusively confirm or refute suspected and reported rider infractions on a continuous basis and these viewings resulted in the Stewards altering the order of finish in 25 races.

2. SANDOWN PARK, SIDNEY, B.C.

CAPITAL CITY TURF CLUB
(October 21 through November 21, 1982)

Comparative Statistics for Sandown Park, 1978 - 82

Year	Number of Days	Amount Wagered	Daily Average	Daily Percentage Change	Average Daily Attendance	Daily Percentage Change
1978	16	2,597,353	162,335	- 16.9	2,209	- 21.1
1979	16	2,276,006	142,250	- 12.4	2,056	- 6.9
1980	15	2,407,031	160,469	+ 12.8	2,144	+ 4.3
1981	20	3,647,643	182,382	+ 13.6	2,146	+ 0.0
1982	19	3,434,149	180,745	- 0.9	2,162	+ 0.7

3. DESERT PARK, OSOYOOS, B.C.

(June 26 & 27, 1982)

Comparative Statistics for Osoyoos, 1978 - 82

Year	Number of Days	Amount Wagered	Daily Average	Daily Percentage Change	Average Daily Attendance	Daily Percentage Change
1978	6	108,477	18,081	+ 18.9	469	- 21.2
1979	6	94,311	15,719	- 13.1	420	- 10.4
1980	4	95,266	23,817	+ 51.5	563	+ 34.0
1981	4	92,319	23,080	- 3.0	484	- 14.0
1982	2	66,199	33,100	+ 43.4	771	+ 59.3

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4. SAGEBRUSH DOWNS, KAMLOOPS, B.C.

(Aug. 1, 2, 7, 8, 14, 15, 28 & 29; & Sept. 5 & 6, 1982)

Comparative Statistics for Kamloops, 1978 - 82

Year	Number of Days	Amount Wagered	Daily Average	Daily Percentage Change	Average Daily Attendance	Daily Percentage Change
1978	7	254,759	36,394	+ 6.2	791	- 65.0
1979	16	375,587	23,474	- 35.5	696	- 12.0
1980	9	291,504	32,389	+ 38.0	775	+ 11.4
1981	11	398,742	36,249	+ 11.9	867	+ 11.8
1982	10	454,851	45,485	+ 25.5	1,417	+ 63.4

5. FAIR GROUNDS, WILLIAMS LAKE, B.C.

(July 2nd, 1982)

Comparative Statistics for Williams Lake, 1978 - 82

Year	Number of Days	Amount Wagered	Daily Average	Daily Percentage Change	Average Daily Attendance	Daily Percentage Change
1978	2	44,247	22,124	- 19.9	1,850	- 46.4
1979	2	49,799	24,900	+ 12.5	1,905	+ 3.0
1980	1	23,589	23,589	- 5.3	2,136	+ 12.1
1981	2	40,854	20,427	- 13.4	895	- 58.0
1982	1	24,044	24,044	+ 17.7	1,280	+ 43.0

6. SUNFLOWER DOWNS, PRINCETON, B.C.

(July 10 and 11, 1982)

Comparative Statistics for Princeton, 1978 - 82

Year	Number of Days	Amount Wagered	Daily Average	Daily Percentage Change	Average Daily Attendance	Daily Percentage Change
1978	2	55,315	27,658	+ 3.6	2,300	+111.6
1979	2	59,182	29,591	+ 7.0	1,150	- 50.0
1980	2	61,885	30,943	+ 4.6	1,703	+ 48.0
1981	2	72,950	36,475	+ 17.9	1,350	- 20.7
1982	2	79,929	39,965	+ 9.6	2,000	+ 48.1

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7. KINSMEN PARK, VERNON, B.C.

(July 16, 17, 19, 23, 24 & 26, 1982)

Comparative Statistics for Vernon, 1978 - 82

Year	Number of Days	Amount Wagerered	Daily Average	Daily Percentage Change	Average Daily Attendance	Daily Percentage Change
1978	3	108,747	36,249	+ 11.2	2,067	- 26.6
1979	6	185,806	30,968	- 14.6	1,287	- 37.7
1980	6	227,115	37,853	+ 22.2	1,302	+ 1.2
1981	6	276,175	46,029	+ 21.6	2,251	+ 72.9
1982	6	279,789	46,632	+ 1.3	1,868	- 17.0

STANDARDBRED RACING

There were a total of 366 Rulings issued by the Judges during the entire standardbred schedule this year, these being for various violations of the Rules and Regulations of Standardbred Horse Racing. Careless and irregular driving practices accounted for 257 of the Rulings; personal misconduct required 31 Rulings; 68 Rulings were for the administration of the course; irregular licencing procedures required 1 Ruling; and 9 Rulings were related to drug offences.

In the case of the drug related offences, 1 Ruling was for possession of drugs and paraphernalia in which the licencee was given a six month suspension; 3 Rulings were for the drug Phenylbutazone in which the trainers were each fined $250 with 15 days suspension; 2 Rulings were for the same positive test, being Furosemide whereby the trainer was fined $200 and the groom $300; 1 Ruling was for the drug Hydroxethyl-promazine, the trainer being fined $250 with 15 days suspension; 1 Ruling was for the drug Dimethyl Sulfoxide (D.M.S.O.) where the trainer was fined $300; and 1 was for the drug Flunixin, the trainer being fined $250 with a 15 day suspension. In each case the horses were disqualified and the purse money redistributed.

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The Ruling for Hydroxethyl-Promazine was appealed by the trainer to the Racing Commission, and it was the decision of the Commission to allow the appeal in part, reducing the penalty by striking the suspension but increasing the fine. This was due to the fact that the Commission accepted the possibility that an unknown person may have been responsible for the drug administration.

8. ORANGEVILLE RACEWAY LTD.

CLOVERDALE RACEWAY, SURREY, B.C.

(January 1 to April 10 and October 18 to December 31, 1982)

Comparative Statistics for Cloverdale, 1978 - 82

Year	Number of Days	Amount Wagered	Daily Average	Daily Percentage Change	Average Daily Attendance	Daily Percentage Change
1978	120	29,569,889	246,416	+ 21.4	2,313	+ 8.9
1979	120	35,887,853	299,065	+ 21.4	2,508	+ 8.4
1980	120	42,128,560	351,071	+ 17.4	2,653	+ 5.8
1981	120	51,234,027	426,950	+ 21.6	2,875	+ 8.3
1982	120	56,173,285	468,111	+ 9.6	3,090	+ 7.5

9. ORANGEVILLE RACEWAY LTD.

SANDOWN RACEAY, SIDNEY, B.C.

(May 15 through September 15, 1982)

Comparative Statistics for Sandown Raceway 1978 - 82

Year	Number of Days	Amount Wagered	Daily Average	Daily Percentage Change	Average Daily Attendance	Daily Percentage Change
1978	57	4,599,112	80,686	-	1,308	-
1979	65	6,389,101	98,294	+ 21.8	1,340	+ 2.4
1980	65	7,851,981	120,800	+ 22.9	1,478	+ 10.3
1981	71	11,467,532	161,515	+ 33.7	1,708	+ 15.6
1982	72	13,401,325	186,130	+ 15.2	2,102	+ 23.1

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10. LOWER FRASER VALLEY EXHIBITION ASSOCIATION

CLOVERDALE RACEWAY, SURREY, B.C.

Comparative Statistics for L.F.V.E.A., 1978 - 82

Year	Number of Days	Amount Wagered	Daily Average	Daily Percentage Change	Average Daily Attendance	Daily Percentage Change
1978	3	152,348	50,783	+ 66.0	1,072	+ .8
1979	-	-	-	-	-	-
1980	7	759,574	108,510	+114.0	1,157	+ 7.9
1981	-	-	-	-	-	-
1982	6	557,668	92,945	- 14.3	1,107	- 4.3

Note: 1979 - unable to operate due to new construction

1981 - unable to operate due to lack of Totalizator equipment.

REVENUE FROM HORSE-RACING 1982

In 1982 licences were again issued for Exhibition Park, Cloverdale Raceway, Sandown Park and the interior circuit to all personnel employed within the confines of these tracks. Fees collected for these, as well as for stable names, partnerships, authorized agents, leases, colours, company registrations, and fines, amounted to $20,009.00

As in previous years, the 6-per-cent social services tax was collected on the sales of horses and turned over to the Provincial Government. In 1982 this amounted to $7,083.00.

The Commission also again supervised the claiming of horses at the race tracks, on which the 6-per-cent social services tax was collected and paid directly to the Minister of Finance. In 1982 this amounted to $173,817.00.

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To obtain a more clear picture of the revenues received by the Provincial Treasury from the racing industry, the following breakdown is offered:

LICENCE FEES AND FINES

(January to December 1982)

Occupational	(969 @ $1)	$	969.00
Owners	(1,812 @ $5)		9,060.00
Trainers	(258 @ $5)		1,290.00
Probationary & Assistant Trainers	(57 @ $5)		285.00
Jockeys	(54 @ $15)		810.00
Apprentice Jockeys	(12 @ $5)		60.00
Jockey Agents	(18 @ $5)		90.00
Jockey Valets	(10 @ $1)		10.00
Veterinarians	(9 @ $15)		135.00
Blacksmiths	(35 @ $5)		175.00
Tradesmen	(13 @ $15)		195.00
Stable Names	(281 @ $10)		2,810.00
Partnerships	(524 @ $1 per horse)		524.00
Authorized Agents	(621 @ $2)		1,242.00
Colours	($1 for annual; $5 for life)		800.00
Company Registration	(17 @ $25)		425.00
Reissue of lost licences			127.00
Licence Fees from Interior race meets			253.00
Licence Fees from Sandown Park (thoroughbred)			193.00
Licence Fees from Cloverdale Raceway			326.00
Licence Fees from Sandown Raceway (standardbred)			230.00
Fines			19,620.00
	TOTAL		39,629.00

6 per cent Social Services tax collected by Commission on bills of sale at Exhibition Park, Sandown Park (thoroughbred) and Interior Circuit	7,083.00
6 per cent Social Services tax on horses claimed at Exhibition Park and Sandown Park (thoroughbred)	113,262.00
6 per cent Social Services tax on horses claimed at Cloverdale Raceway and Sandown Raceway (standardbred)	60,555.00
Pari-Mutuel Betting Tax	15,491,600.00
TOTAL	15,712,129.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BRITISH COLUMBIA RACING COMMISSION

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